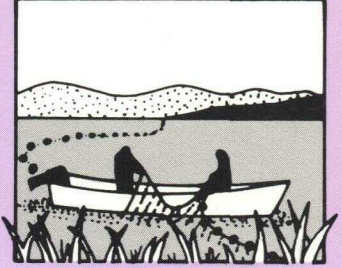
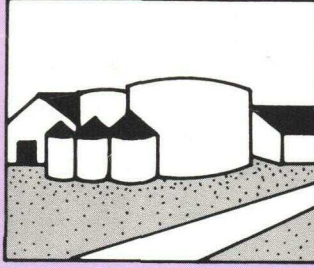
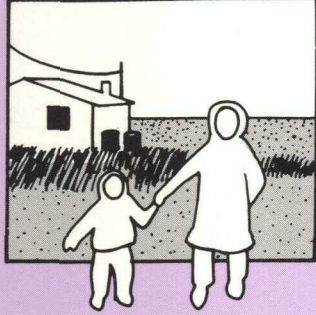
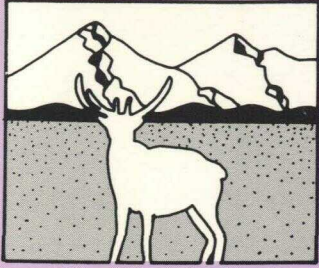


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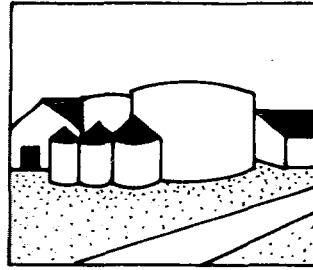
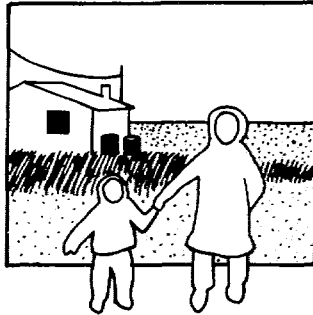
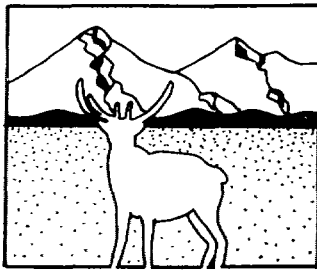
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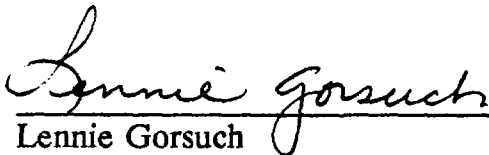
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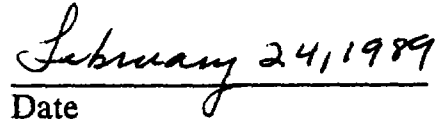
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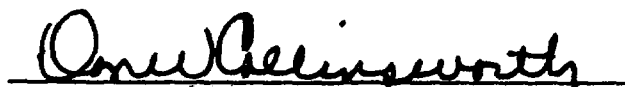


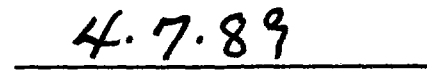
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# HOW TO USE THIS PLAN

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Although this plan is lengthy, it is organized for ease of use. The plan has two main sections:

**Chapter 2** includes land management policies that apply throughout the planning area. It is organized by types of land uses or resources, such as fish and wildlife, settlement, and trail management.

**Chapter 3** describes the management intent for each of seven management units in the planning area. It is organized by geographic area.

In addition, Chapter 1 presents an introduction to the plan and summarizes the plan's overall goals. Chapter 4 describes actions that will implement the plan.

Examples of how to use the plan are shown below. The Table of Contents is on the following page.

## Examples:

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If you want to know how the plan affects a particular land use or resource -- for example, mining, wildlife habitat, or land sales -- turn to Chapter 2 for general policies that apply to the entire planning area. For example, pages 2-28 through 2-33 present policies on state land sales and describe areas that will be available for sale in the planning area.



If you want to know how the plan affects a particular place -- for example, a parcel on the Kobuk River -- turn to Chapter 3. The planning area is divided into seven management units. Management units are shown on the index map on page 3-1. To find the unit you are interested in, check the index map, then turn to that unit. For example, the Kobuk River is in Management Unit 3, page 3-37.





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